

2007 WATER & SEWER RATES

***Effective Date April 1, 2007**

In accordance with City of Houston, Code of Ordinance 2004-299, Water and Sewer Rates are adjusted annually based on the increase in costs in the region. A 2.8% adjustment (based on the Consumer Price Index) will take effect April 1, 2007 and will allow the City to deal with rising costs without having to cut back on services. This adjustment is also key in funding investments to prevent flooding in our neighborhoods, to rehabilitate aging water and sewer lines and to safeguard the security of our water supply.

For some classes, the minimum charge is affected by the meter size. For all classes that include sewer, the consumption used to determine the appropriate sewer charge is the same as that for water.

Adjusted rates will appear on customer bills starting in **May 2007**.

Single - Family Residential Accounts - TU 01,02, & 03

Consumption (Gallons)	Meter Size (Inches)	Water Charges	Sewer Charges
0 - 1,000	5/8" through 4" meters	\$3.23	\$6.10
2,000		\$7.64	
3,000		\$7.64	
4,000		\$14.97	\$14.75
5,000		\$17.73	\$17.51
6,000		\$20.49	\$3.70 per 1,000 +\$1.08 Service Fee
7,000 - 12,000		\$20.49 + \$2.74 per additional 1,000 gallons over 6,000	
Over 12,000		\$36.93 + \$4.94 per additional 1,000 gallons over 12,000	

Note: the \$1.08 fee will not appear on the bill as a separate line item on the bill.

EXAMPLES:

1,000 gallons	\$3.23 Water
(low-user rate)	<u>\$6.10 Sewer</u>
	\$9.33 Total/Month
7,000 gallons	\$23.23 Water
	<u>\$26.98 Sewer</u> (\$1.08 fee included)
	\$50.21 Total/Month
14,000 gallons	\$46.81 Water
	<u>\$52.88 Sewer</u> (\$1.08 fee included)
	\$99.69 Total/Month

Multi-Family Accounts - TU 14-19

- 14 (duplex – 2 units)
- 15 (triplex – 3 units)
- 16 (four-plex – 4 units)
- 17 (master-metered town homes – any number of units)
- 18 (apartments of 5+ units)
- 19 (trailer parks)

Consumption (Gallons)	Meter Size (Inches)	Minimum Water Charge Based on Meter Size	Sewer Charges All Sizes
0 - 2,000	5/8, 3/4	\$10.89	\$3.70 per 1,000 gallons + \$1.08 Service Fee
	1	\$13.43	
	1.5	\$17.51	
	2	\$21.70	
	3	\$40.11	
	4	\$60.83	
	6	\$112.96	
	8	\$164.99	
Over 2,000	+ \$2.41 per 1,000 additional gallons, regardless of meter size.		

Light Commercial Accounts - TU 21 - 39

Meter Size (Inches)	Consumption (Gallons)	Water Charge	Sewer Charge
5/8", 3/4"	0 - 2,000	\$14.32	0-2,000 gallons is \$10.42
	3,000	\$14.32	\$10.42 + \$3.71 per additional 1,000 gallons over 2,000
	Over 3,000	+\$2.74 per 1,000 gallons over minimum	

Commercial (1" and Larger Meter Size)- TU 21-60

Meter Size (Inches)	Minimum Charge Is for Up To (Gallons)	Minimum Charge for Water	Sewer Charge
1	3,000	\$16.84	For all meter sizes, minimum sewer charge is \$12.46 for 2,000 gallons or less.
1.5	10,000	\$40.21	
2	16,000	\$60.95	
3	35,000	\$131.71	
4	60,000	\$221.32	
6	125,000	\$452.58	
8	180,000	\$656.18	
ALL METER SIZES	Per additional 1,000 gallons over minimum	+\$2.74	All usage over 2,000 gallons is \$12.46 + \$4.74 per 1,000 additional gallons.

Transient Meter Accounts - TU 71

Consumption	Water Charge	Meter Size	1"	2"	3"
All usage	+\$2.74 per 1,000 gallons	Rental Fee per Month	\$5	\$10	\$15

Rental fee has not changed, but the consumption rate has increased. Please refer further questions to (713) 641-7979.

Lawn Meter Accounts - TU 72

Meter Size (Inches)	Minimum Charge Is for Up To (Gallons)	Minimum Charge for Water
5/8, 3/4	3,000	\$20.93
1	3,000	\$23.46
1.5	10,000	\$62.26
2	16,000	\$96.22
3	35,000	\$208.87
4	60,000	\$353.60
6	125,000	\$728.16
8	180,000	\$1053.00
ALL METER SIZES	Per additional 1,000 gallons over minimum	+\$4.94

Customers may choose to close these accounts in the winter, subject to the usual \$5.00 fee for re-opening them.

Other Classes:

Sewer Only Accounts (Metered Water) - TU 61

These customers take their water from Non-City of Houston wells. Rates are set according to their "actual" class, meaning residential, multi-family, and commercial, etc.

Effluent Accounts - TU 62

Effluent accounts have metered sewer discharge, and may be set at commercial or industrial rates. Please refer further questions to Wastewater Branch at (281) 575-2833.

Industrial & Remediation Accounts - TU 21-39, 63

For Meter Size (Inches)	Minimum Charge Is for Up To (Gallons)	Minimum Charge for Water*	Sewer Charge
5/8, 3/4	3,000	\$14.32	<p>For all meter sizes, minimum sewer charge is \$12.51 for 2,000 gallons or less.</p> <p>All usage over 2,000 gallons is \$4.76 per 1,000 additional gallons.</p>
1	3,000	\$16.84	
1.5	10,000	\$40.21	
2	16,000	\$60.95	
3	35,000	\$131.71	
4	60,000	\$221.32	
6	125,000	\$452.58	
8	180,000	\$656.18	
ALL METER SIZES	Per additional 1,000 gallons over minimum	+\$2.74	

*Minimum charge for water if present on account

Industrial is only a sewer class/rate, but may be considered a sub-type of Commercial. There is no such thing as an "industrial or remedial water rate". Non-remediation accounts (TU 21-39) usually serve a commercial facility of some type, so the water rates shown above are a combination of the standard and light commercial rates. Remediation accounts (TU 63) are temporary sewer accounts set up during environmental clean-ups. These never have water charges.

Additional surcharges for industrial waste (sewer accounts) are determined by a special formula as mandated by City of Houston, Code of Ordinance §47-143.

Questions on calculating accounts or regarding prohibited discharges, contact Wastewater Branch at (281) 575-2833.

Resale Accounts - TU 73

Meter Size (Inches)	Minimum Charge Is For Up To (Gallons)	Minimum Charge For Water
5/8,3/4	3,000	\$15.87
1	3,000	\$18.41
1.5	10,000	\$45.40
2	16,000	\$69.23
3	35,000	\$149.84
4	60,000	\$252.41
6	125,000	\$517.34
8	180,000	\$749.43
ALL METER SIZES	Per additional 1,000 gallons over minimum	+\$3.26

Emergency Back-Up Service Accounts - TU 74

Meter Size (Inches)	Minimum Charge Is for Up To (Gallons)	Minimum Charge for Water
5/8,3/4	3,000	\$6.05
1	3,000	\$8.59
1.5	10,000	\$12.66
2	16,000	\$16.84
3	35,000	\$32.27
4	60,000	\$55.98
6	125,000	\$108.12
8	180,000	\$160.15
ALL METER SIZES	Per additional 1,000 gallons over minimum	+\$4.46

Un-Metered Fire Line Service Charge - TU 21 - 60, 75

Meter Size (Inches)	Minimum Charge for Water
5/8,3/4	\$11.02
1	\$11.02
1.5	\$43.83
2	\$64.65
3	\$64.65
4	\$64.65
6	\$72.00
8+	\$79.36

Un-Metered fire line accounts are billed a monthly service charge only, under the provision of City of Houston, Code of Ordinances §47-63 and §47-64.

Metered Fire Line Service Charge Only - TU 21 - 60

Meter Size (Inches)	Minimum Charge Is for Up To (Gallons)	Minimum Charge for Water
5/8,3/4	3,000	\$14.32
1	3,000	\$16.84
1.5	10,000	\$40.21
2+	16,000	\$60.95
ALL METER SIZES	Per additional 1,000 gallons over minimum	+\$2.74

Un-Metered Sewer Only Accounts - TU 81-82

Special rates apply to sewer customers who do not receive water from the City of Houston and whose source is not metered. Below are monthly rates, but accounts will continue to be billed bi-monthly. Questions on these accounts contact Wastewater Branch at (281) 575-2833.

Class	Monthly Fee
Single Family Residential	\$15.94
Duplex	\$30.80
Multi-family (3+ units)	\$15.94 per single family unit
Light Commercial	*\$34.64 per unit
Commercial	*\$43.34 per unit
Industrial	*\$43.53 per unit

*Defined in §47-1002

Contract Water Accounts - TU 91

Questions on all these accounts contact Contract Water at (713) 371-1072 or (713) 371-1194.